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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/655,832  
Applicant(s) : Holger Zorn et al.  
Filed : September 5, 2003  
Title : Carotene-Specific Lipase  
TC/A.U. : 1651  
Examiner :  
Conf. No. : 7079  
Docket No. : CM2697  
Customer No. : 27752

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, for two months, from February 3, 2004 to April 5, 2004. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$420 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

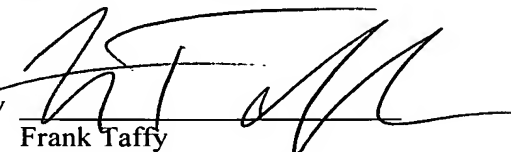
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Respectfully submitted,

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